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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TIMOTHY COOK,

Plaintiff,

v.

ROBERT HOREL, et al.,

Defendants.

CV 08

Case No.

1925

**DEFENDANTS' WAIVER OF
REPLY AND REQUEST FOR
SCREENING ORDER**

TO PLAINTIFF TIMOTHY COOK, in pro per:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendants Horel, Risenhoover, McLean, Thacker, Worch, and Sayre waive their right to reply to the first amended complaint as served, and request that this Court screen the complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915A.

A. Background.

Plaintiff, a state prisoner in pro per, filed a civil rights complaint in state court for violations of the United States Constitution against Defendants, employees of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). The case was removed from the Superior Court of California, Del Norte County, to this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(b). The case is currently

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1 pending assignment to a United States District Judge. Defendants have not yet filed a responsive
2 pleading.

3 **B. Defendants Request that the Court Screen Plaintiff's Complaint Under 28 U.S.C. §**
4 **1915A.**

5 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a) provides that "[t]he court shall review, before docketing, if feasible,
6 or in any event, as soon as practicable after docketing, a complaint in a civil action in which a
7 prisoner seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental
8 entity." Upon such review, the Court shall identify cognizable claims or dismiss all or any
9 portion of the complaint if it "is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief
10 may be granted." 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b).

11 Thus, Defendants request that the Court screen Plaintiff's first amended complaint and
12 dismiss, if any, those claims and/or defendants it believes require dismissal for failure to state a
13 claim. This will allow the Court to order, if it deems necessary, service on any additional
14 Defendants who either have not been served or have not yet appeared in the action.

15 **C. Defendants Waive the Right to Reply to the Complaint.**

16 In light of Defendants' request that this Court screen Plaintiff's complaint under 28 U.S.C. §
17 1915A, Defendants are waiving their right to reply to the complaint.

18 The Prison Litigation Reform Act provides as follows:

19 (1) Any defendant may waive the right to reply to any action brought by a
20 prisoner confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility under
21 section 1983 of this title or any other Federal law. Notwithstanding any
22 other law or rule of procedure, such waiver shall not constitute an admission
of the allegations contained in the complaint. No relief shall be granted to
the plaintiff unless a reply has been filed.

23 (2) The court may require any defendant to reply to a complaint brought
24 under this section if it finds that the plaintiff has a reasonable opportunity to
prevail on the merits.

25 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(g).

26 If, after it screens the complaint, the Court does not dismiss Plaintiff's first amended
27 complaint in its entirety, Defendants request that the Court allow them sixty days from the date
28 of its order to file their responsive pleading.

D. Conclusion.

For the aforementioned reasons, Defendants waive their reply to Plaintiff's first amended complaint and respectfully request that the Court screen Plaintiff's first amended complaint.

Dated: April 10, 2008

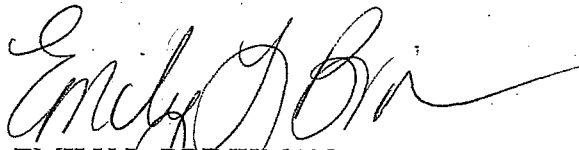
Respectfully submitted,

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Case No.: **Del Norte County Superior Court, Case No. CVPI07-1026**

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Declarant



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